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Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
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Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

Our mission is... Our Lady of Hope Regional School empowers students from Pre-K through 8th Grade with the knowledge to excel academically, faith to grow spiritually and compassion to mature socially. Our faculty and parents work together to provide a nurturing environment, rooted in Sacred Scripture and Catholic tradition, where each child can achieve his/her potential. Students will develop the knowledge, talent and lifelong skills required to succeed and contribute responsibly in their school, parish and community.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will have the following impact on our mission and the people we serve...

Please do the right thing and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

Betty Kuvinka, Advancement Director
Our Lady of Hope Regional School